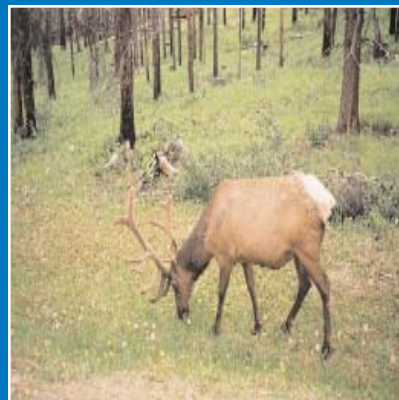


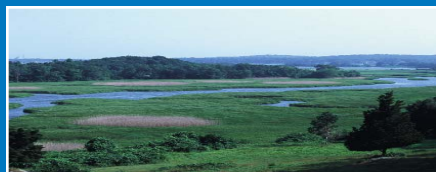
The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and others to develop upland, wetland, riparian, and aquatic habitat areas on their property.



FY 2004 WHIP Activities

Number of Applications Received	19
Number of Applications Contracted	12
Dollar Amount Approved	\$54,337
Acres Under Contract	133

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), a voluntary program, offers landowners technical and financial support to protect, restore, and enhance

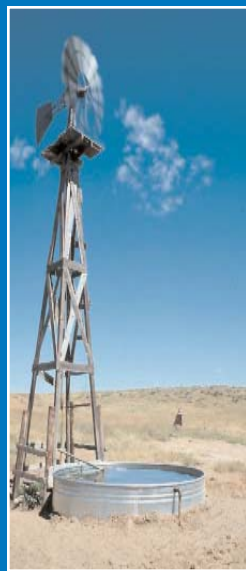


wetlands on their property.

FY 2004 WRP Activities

Easement Approved	Approved Funding	Acres Treated
Perpetual	\$54,124	37.6
Perpetual	\$240,666	182
Perpetual	\$102,700	80
Perpetual	\$338,572	300
Perpetual	\$100,100	80
Perpetual	\$638,308	590
Total	\$1,474,470	1,269.6

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. It provides financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.



FY 2004 EQIP Contract Funding in the Lower South Platte River Watershed

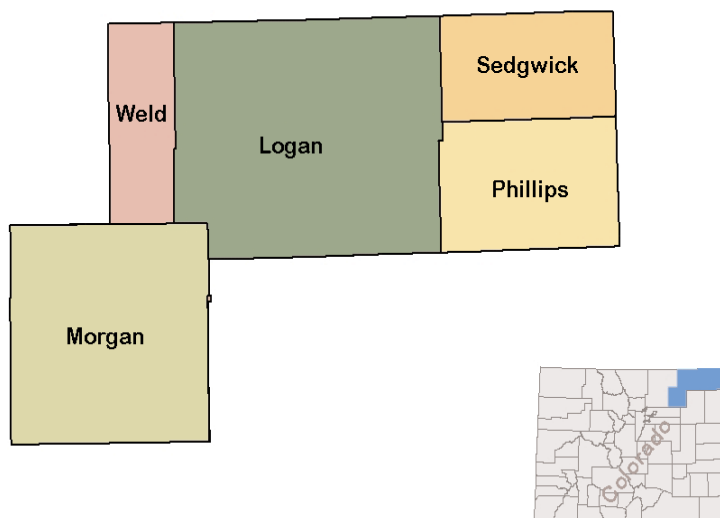
Natural Resource Concerns	Applications Received	Applications Contracted	\$ Amount Approved
Water Quality	149	64	\$1,354,340
Grassland	67	39	\$579,435
Soil Erosion	40	12	\$125,304
Animal Waste	14	1	\$50,000
Wildlife	35	10	\$56,212
CNMP	3	3	\$1,500
Ground and Surface Water	116	27	\$629,992
Total	424	156	\$2,796,783

Lower South Platte River Watershed

What is a Watershed? A watershed is the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river, or lake. Everyone lives in a watershed. You and everyone in your watershed are part of the watershed community.

Colorado Watershed Approach: Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities. Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities. In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

Lower South Platte River Watershed
Colorado Counties Served

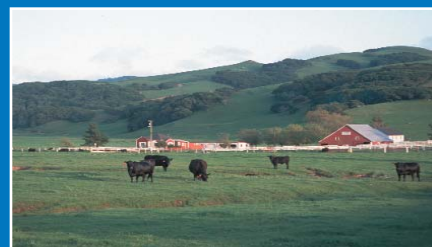


3,051,720 Acres

Land Use	Acres
Irrigated Cropland	500,496
Non-Irrigated Cropland	966,043
Rangeland	1,092,826
Irrigated Hay & Pasture	52,000
Non-Irrigated Hay & Pasture	55,000
Forest Land	5,800
Urban	15,000
Conservation Reserve Program	264,555



Resources at Work in the Lower South Platte River Watershed



The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners restore and protect grasslands, including rangeland and pastureland, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. It emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland under the greatest threat of conversion.

FY 2004 GRP Activities

Applications Received353
Applications Contracted7
Dollars Approved \$2,250,000
Acres Under Contract9,066